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RE: ALJ's Recommended Decision in *Senator Jim Battin, et al.*, OAH No. N2006040207/FPPC No. 04/314

Dear Mr. Krausse:

On behalf of the Respondents in the above-captioned proceeding, this is to recommend that the Commission accept the findings and conclusions of Administrative Law Judge Steven C. Owyang and dismiss the matter.

The ALJ's recommendation is well-founded and well-reasoned. The Enforcement Division's position that the decision be accepted also is well-founded and well-reasoned.

Very truly yours

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